

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Run! Bitch Run!

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 0900932.000

Medium: DVD

Distributor: Jigsaw Entertainment

Director: Joseph Guzman

Producer: Joseph Guzman
Robert James Hayes II

Country of origin: United States

Language: English

Applicant: Film & Video Labelling Body

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 12 August 2009

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	Run! Bitch Run!	81:25
Total running time:		81:25

Summary of reasons for decision:

The DVD is classified as objectionable because of the extent and degree to which, and the manner in which, it deals with sexual violence. The only component on the DVD is a feature from the United States. The feature is a modern 'rape and revenge' film, styled after exploitation

films from the 1970s. It deals extensively with matters of sex, crime, cruelty and violence. Of most concern are the numerous gratuitous scenes of sexual violence. There is very little plot to hold the feature together, little or no artistic merit, and no explanation or deconstruction of storyline. The women appear genuinely distressed and fearful, and the camera focuses solely on their fear and suffering and the gleeful aggression of their attackers. With little other context provided by the film, the only conclusion can be that viewers are being encouraged to be entertained and amused by realistic and disturbing depictions of women being sexually violated and raped.

The classification of objectionable interferes with freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that deal with sexual violence in this manner. This is the minimum restriction that can be applied to prevent injury to the public good.